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Title: MULTI-LEAF COLLIMATOR AND MEDICAL SYSTEM INCLUDING  
ACCELERATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Box Patent Application**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior  
to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 8 and 9 as follows:

(A copy of the marked-up version of the amended claims  
are attached to this Preliminary Amendment).

91 3. (Amended) A multi-leaf collimator according to Claim  
1, wherein each of said leaf plate driving body further  
comprises holding means capable of abutting against the leaf  
plates to hold the leaf plates in stationary positions.

92 8. (Amended) A medical system including an accelerator  
according to Claim 4, further comprising control means for